

Minutes

of a meeting of the

Cabinet



held on Friday 5 April 2019 at 10.00 am
in the Meeting Room 1, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Milton, OX14 4SB

Open to the public, including the press

Present:

Members: Councillors Roger Cox (Chairman), Ed Blagrove (Vice-Chairman), Alice Badcock, Eric Batts, Mike Murray, Robert Sharp and Elaine Ware

Officers: Steve Culliford, Phil Ealey, Mark Hewer, Simon Hewings, Suzanne Malcolm, Donna Pentelow and Margaret Reed

Number of members of the public: Nil

Ca.113 Apologies for absence

None

Ca.114 Minutes

RESOLVED: to approve the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 4 February 2019 as a correct record and agree that the chairman signs them as such.

Ca.115 Declarations of interest

None

Ca.116 Urgent business and chairman's announcements

None

Ca.117 Public participation

None

Ca.118 Budget setting process

At its meeting held on 28 March 2019, the Scrutiny Committee considered the report of its Budget Task Group. The task group had been established to review the current budget

setting process and to consider whether Scrutiny Committee members should be more actively involved. The committee considered the task group's recommendations before making the following recommendations to Cabinet:

- (a) To present quarterly budget monitoring reports to Cabinet and Scrutiny Committee for consideration; and
- (b) To revise the corporate plan as soon as possible, and following public consultation and formal adoption, its priorities be used to shape future budget-setting.

Cabinet accepted the principle of formally considering periodic budget monitoring reports but believed that three reports per year would be sufficient. Cabinet also considered that the corporate plan review could take place over the year after the district council elections, in accordance with the normal timetable.

RESOLVED:

- (a) to request the head of finance to present periodic budget monitoring reports, at least three times during the financial year, to Cabinet and Scrutiny Committee for consideration; and
- (b) that when the corporate plan is reviewed in accordance with its normal cycle in the coming year, following public consultation and formal adoption, its priorities be used to shape future budget-setting.

Ca.119 Community Infrastructure Levy spending strategy

Cabinet considered the head of development and regeneration's report, which sought approval for a spending strategy for the income received from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

The proposed strategy included a percentage-based allocation of funds as follows:

Infrastructure type	Percentage of Community Infrastructure Levy to be allocated
Education and transport infrastructure (to Oxfordshire County Council)	50%
Community Health Care (to the Clinical Commissioning Group)	20%
Sports and leisure facilities, including improved disabled access (Vale of White Horse District Council)	20%
Green infrastructure and biodiversity provision (Vale of White Horse District Council)	5%
Public art and cultural heritage/Public realm, including improved disabled access (Vale of White Horse District Council)	5%
Total	100%

Cabinet agreed that the allocation proposed was the most appropriate split of Community Infrastructure Levy income. The effectiveness of the allocation would be monitored over two years and could be reviewed if necessary. The income would not be spent outside the

district, unless there were exceptional circumstances. However, it was noted that in the case of the commissioning of health services for the western part of the district, funds should be made available to the Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group, not the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group.

RESOLVED: to adopt the Community Infrastructure Levy Spending Strategy, as set out in appendix 1 to the head of development and regeneration's report to Cabinet on 5 April 2019.

Ca.120 Leader of the Council

Councillor Ed Blagrove, the Deputy Leader, gave a vote of thanks to Councillor Roger Cox as this was his last Cabinet meeting before he retired as a district councillor. On behalf of the Cabinet, Councillor Blagrove thanked Councillor Cox for his work for the council and in the past year as leader of the council.

The meeting closed at 10.25 am